

**Chambers of Judge Michael B. Thornton**

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Tel: (202) 521-0700

**Michael B. Thornton**  
Judge

Date of Birth: 1954  
Education: Southern Mississippi 1976 BS, 1977 MS; Tennessee 1979 MA; Duke 1982 JD  
Began Service: March 9, 1998  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Term Expires: March 9, 2013

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Charles Clark, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1983-1984)

**Government:** Tax Counsel, Committee on Ways and Means, United States House of Representatives (1988-1995); Deputy Tax Legislative Counsel, Office of Tax Policy, United States Department of the Treasury (1995-1998)

**Legal Practice:** Sutherland, Asbill and Brennan (1982-1983); Miller & Chevalier (1985-1988)

**Staff**

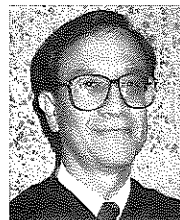
Attorney-Advisor **Emily Green Ellison** ..... (202) 521-0763  
Education: Florida 2006 LLM  
Attorney-Advisor **Kelly Kleinhandler** ..... (202) 521-0764  
Began Service: 2007  
Education: Emory 2006 JD  
Secretary **Gay L. Rodey** ..... (202) 521-0766

**Chambers of Judge Juan F. Vasquez**

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**Juan F. Vasquez**  
Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Texas 1972 BBA; Houston 1977 JD; NYU 1978 LLM  
Began Service: 1995  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Term Expires: April 30, 2010  
Political Affiliation: Democrat



**Corporate:** Accountant, Coopers & Lybrand LLP (1972-1974)

**Government:** Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, United States Department of the Treasury (1978-1982)

**Legal Practice:** Associate then Partner, Leighton, Hood & Vasquez (1982-1985); Partner, Leighton & Vasquez (1985-1987); Partner, Juan F. Vasquez, PC (1987-1995)

**Current Memberships:** Section of Taxation, American Bar Association; College of the State Bar of Texas; The Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia; Hispanic National Bar Association; Mexican American Bar Association of San Antonio; Mexican American Bar Association of Texas; National Judicial College; San Antonio Bar Association; San Antonio Bar Foundation; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

**Staff**

Attorney-Advisor **Jonathan K. Kalinski** ..... (202) 521-0778  
Began Service: 2007  
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Education: Washington U (MO) 1993 AB; Fordham 1996 JD; NYU 1997 LLM  
Secretary **Angie Grow** ..... (202) 521-0778

**Chambers of Judge Thomas B. Wells**

400 Second Street, NW, Washington, DC 20217  
Tel: (202) 521-0790

**Thomas B. Wells**  
Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
Education: Miami 1967 BS; Emory 1973 JD; NYU 1978 LLM  
Began Service: October 13, 1986  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Term Expires: July 2, 2015

**Government:** County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney, County of Toombs, Georgia (1973-1977); City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney, City of Vidalia, Georgia (1973-1977)

**Legal Practice:** Graham & Wells (1973-1977); Hurt, Richardson, Garner, Todd & Cadenhead (1978-1981); Partner, Shearer & Wells (1981-1986)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1968-1970); United States Naval Reserve (1970)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

**Staff**

Confidential Assistant **Virginia Lanier** ..... (202) 521-0790

**Chambers of Judge Robert A. Wherry, Jr.**

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**Robert A. Wherry, Jr.**  
Judge

Date of Birth: April 7, 1944  
Education: Colorado 1966 BS, 1969 JD; NYU 1972 LLM  
Began Service: April 23, 2003  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
Term Expires: April 2018

**Government:** Inheritance Tax Auditor, Office of the Attorney General, State of Colorado

**Legal Practice:** Vice President and Secretary, Lentz, Evans & King PC

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Saul Mezei** ..... (202) 521-0797  
Began Service: August 2007  
Term Expires: August 2009  
Education: Baltimore 1999 BA; Cardozo 2002 JD  
Law Clerk **Melanie Senick** ..... (202) 521-0798  
Began Service: July 2006  
Term Expires: July 2008  
E-mail: msenick@ustaxcourt.gov  
Education: Oregon 2005 JD; NYU 2006 LLM

**Chambers of Senior Judge Renato Beghe**

400 Second Street, NW, Washington, DC 20217  
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**Renato Beghe**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1933  
Education: Chicago 1951 AB, 1954 JD  
Began Service: March 26, 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Carter, Ledyard & Milburn (1954-1965); Partner, Carter, Ledyard & Milburn (1965-1983); Partner, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius (1983-1989)

**Chambers of Senior Judge Renato Beghe continued**

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American College of Tax Counsel; The American Law Institute; The Association of the Bar of the City of New York; International Bar Association; The New York State Bar Association

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Sarah Swan** ..... (202) 521-0638  
Confidential Assistant **Mary P. Crutchfield** ..... (202) 521-0638

**Chambers of Senior Judge Herbert L. Chabot**

400 Second Street, NW, Washington, DC 20217  
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**Herbert L. Chabot**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1931  
Education: CCNY 1952 BA; Columbia 1957 LLB; Georgetown 1964 LLM  
Began Service: April 3, 1978  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, George Washington University (1974-1984)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Russell E. Train, United States Tax Court (1961-1965)

**Government:** Associate, Congressional Joint Committee on Taxation, United States Congress (1965-1978)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1953-1955); United States Army Reserve (1955-1963)

**Nonprofit:** Legal Staff, American Jewish Congress (1957-1961)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Federal Bar Association

**Staff**

Attorney-Advisor **Adam Grandwetter** ..... (202) 521-0647  
Education: Villanova 2006 JD; Cornell 2000 BS  
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**Chambers of Senior Judge Howard A. Dawson, Jr.**

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**Howard A. Dawson, Jr.**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1922  
Education: North Carolina 1946 BS; George Washington 1949 JD  
Began Service: August 21, 1962  
Appointed By: President John F. Kennedy  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Academic:** David L. Brennan Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law, School of Law, The University of Akron (1986); Director, Tax Graduate Program and Professor, University of Baltimore, School of Law (1986-1989); Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law, School of Law, University of San Diego (1991)

**Government:** Attorney, Civil Division, Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, United States Department of the Treasury (1950-1953); Civil Advisory Counsel, Atlanta District Office, Internal Revenue Service, United States Department of the Treasury (1953-1957); Regional Counsel, Atlanta Region, Internal Revenue Service, United States Department of the Treasury (1958); Personal Assistant to the Chief Counsel and Assistant Chief Counsel, Office of the Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, United States Department of the Treasury (1958-1962)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1949-1950)

**Military Service:** United States Army, Finance Corps (1944-1945); Captain, United States Army Reserve

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; The District of Columbia Bar; Federal Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

**Chambers of Senior Judge Julian I. Jacobs**

400 Second Street, NW, Washington, DC 20217  
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**Julian I. Jacobs**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1937  
Education: Maryland 1958 BA, 1960 LLB; Georgetown 1965 LLM  
Began Service: 1984  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Graduate Tax Program, University of Baltimore (1991-1994); Adjunct Professor, University of San Diego Law School (2001); Adjunct Professor, University of Denver School of Law (2001)

**Government:** Attorney, Legislation and Regulations Division, Office of the Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, United States Department of the Treasury (1961-1965); Trial Attorney, Office of the Regional Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, United States Department of the Treasury (1965-1967)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Weinberg & Green (1967-1969); Hoffberger & Hollander (1969-1972); Partner, Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander (1972-1984)

**Staff**

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**Chambers of Senior Judge Arthur L. Nims III**

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**Arthur L. Nims III**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1923  
Education: Williams 1945 BA; Georgia 1949 LLB; NYU 1954 LLM  
Began Service: June 29, 1979  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Government:** Special Attorney, Office of the Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, United States Department of the Treasury (1951-1954)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1949-1951); McCarter & English (1955-1979)

**Military Service:** United States Naval Reserve (1943-1946)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American College of Tax Counsel; The American Law Institute

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Gerald Feige** ..... (202) 521-0750  
Began Service: 2007  
Term Expires: September 2008  
Secretary **Susan Sanders** ..... (202) 521-0750